

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1353

To amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2009

Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dale Long Emergency
5 Medical Service Providers Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT EMERGENCY**
 2 **MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

3 Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 4 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amend-
 5 ed—

6 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “public em-
 7 ployee member of a rescue squad or ambulance
 8 crew” and inserting “employee or volunteer member
 9 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew (including a
 10 ground or air ambulance service) that—

11 “(A) is a public agency; or

12 “(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit entity
 13 serving the public that is officially authorized or
 14 licensed—

15 “(i) to engage in rescue activity or to
 16 provide emergency medical services; and

17 “(ii) to respond to an emergency situ-
 18 ation;”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (9)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “as a
 21 chaplain” and all that follows through the semi-
 22 colon, and inserting “or as a chaplain;”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
 24 “or” after the semicolon;

25 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
 26 the period and inserting “; or”; and

1 (D) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(D) a member of a rescue squad or am-
3 bulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by
4 law and by the applicable agency or entity, is
5 engaging in rescue activity or in the provision
6 of emergency medical services.”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by section 2(1) of this Act
9 shall apply only to injuries sustained on or after January
10 1, 2009.

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